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1. IN VIEW CONTINUED UNAVAILABILITY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR TWO DAYS SINCE APPOINTMENT FIRST REQUESTED, I SPOKE TO DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, WHO IS SENIOR RANKING SUBSTANTIVE OFFICER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL AND PREVIOUS. SAID THAT PRESENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL WHO WISH HELP BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST TO ACT BY APPROVING BALANCED RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CONDEMN VIOLENCE FROM BOTH SIDES IN ARAB/ ISRAELI CONFLICT. MENTIONED THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION NOW CIRCULATING IN UN CORRIDORS FAILS IN THIS RESPECT, AND I HOPED GUINEA COULD BE COUNTED ON USE ITS INFLUENCE TO HELP PRODUCE MORE BALANCED RESOLUTION.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTOR SAID GUINEA GOVERNMENT HAD CABLED ITS UN MISSION APRIL 18 REQUESTING COPY OF ANY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR PROPOSALS CIRCULATING BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. IF TEXT CAME IN TIME FOR GOVERNMENT
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TO REVIEW, IT WOULD, OF COURSE, SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS REPRESENTATIVE. OTHERWISE, GUINEA'S PERMREP WOULD VOTE AS SHE SEES BEST AND PROVIDE EXPLANATIONS LATER. HE PROMISED TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER OF MY DEMARCHE AND TO REQUEST HE CONTACT ME ON ANY RESPONSE.

3. I DOUBT THAT VERY MUCH WILL COME OF THIS EXERCISE. GUINEANS ARE UNLIKELY TO FAVOR BALANCED CONDEMNATION OF PRIVATE GROUPS ON SAME FOOTING AS CONDEMNATION OF A STATE, PARTICULARLY SO IN CASE OF ISRAEL. REFERENCE TO CABRAL'S ASSASSINATION UNLIKELY TO BE HELPFUL SINCE GUINEANS CONSIDER THIS TO BE AN ACT OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AGENTS. FACT THAT GUINEA IS HARBORING GUINEA BISSAU LIBERATION FIGHTERS ON ITS OWN TERRITORY FURTHER MAKES IT INCLINED TO HAVE GREAT SYMPATHY FOR LEBANESE POSITION AND TO OPPOSE ANY IDEA OF RETALIATORY STRIKES AGAINST A SAFE HAVEN. IN ANY EVENT, BELIEVE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH WOULD BE WITH GUINEA'S PERMREP IN NEW YORK.
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